SUMMARY REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 14, 2009, JOINT MEETING WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE, ARIZONA

This summary is a statement of legal actions taken by the Cottonwood City Council at a joint meeting pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(D), and is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 38-431.01(D.).

Council Members Present: Mayor Diane Joens, Vice Mayor Karen Pfeifer, Council Members Tim Elinski, Duane Kirby, Linda Norman, Terence Pratt, and Darold Smith.

Mayor Joens called the special meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

DISCUSSION REGARDING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD AND THE TOWN OF CLARKDALE RELATING TO PRESERVATION OF FOREST SERVICE LANDS

Members of the Cottonwood City Council considered an intergovernmental agreement proposed by the Clarkdale Town Council, whereby the City of Cottonwood would not annex Forest Service lands located north of Cottonwood which Cottonwood has proposed to annex. The agreement would be for one year period and renewable thereafter for one year periods. It could be dissolved by either party with 60 days notice during which time only Cottonwood would be allowed to exercise the right of annexation to the Forest Service lands in question.

There was further discussion on whether Clarkdale should or could de-annex Forest Service lands it previously annexed west of Cottonwood.

<u>DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING ANNEXATION OF FOREST SERVICE LANDS</u>

The Clarkdale Town Council unanimously favored Cottonwood accepting its proposed intergovernmental agreement (IGA) as discussed above.

Mayor Joens, Vice Mayor Pfeifer and Council Members Kirby and Smith did not believe in the need for an IGA with Clarkdale regarding this matter, while Council Members Pratt and Elinski believed it warranted further discussion.

The general consensus of the Cottonwood City Council was that the matter of the intergovernmental agreement would be discussed, if time permitted, at a meeting of the Cottonwood Council to determine what course of action the City would follow regarding annexation of the Forest Service Lands.

ADJOURNMENT

The joint meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.